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## **Marquette Interchange Coordination Team Meeting Minutes**

**October 13, 2005**

**DATE:** October 13, 2005  
**FROM:** Shannon Novotny, Versant  
October 13, 2005 at 10 a.m., Amtrak Station

The meeting was held in the East Conference Room of the Amtrak Station located at 433 West St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The meeting started at 10 a.m. and concluded at 11:30 a.m.

**Corrections** to the September 8, 2005, minutes were made during the meeting and will be posted on the website:

**Crystal DuPont:** Crystal noted Bill Stark's compliments of excellent teamwork to everyone on the team.

**Martha Love:** Martha is in the process of a major literature drop, including Get Around Guides, business cards and a specialized flyer to area residents and businesses. She is speaking with individuals at each residence, and is speaking with facility managers or supervisors at local businesses about the project.

The residents on 6<sup>th</sup> street are aware of the construction changes and have used the Get Around Guides. Feedback is positive; the Get Around Guides are well received. The theme of trust in the neighborhood is apparent.

Alderman Bauman is holding a town meeting on October 18, 2005 and will talk about the Marquette Interchange Project. He will use the flyer and Get Around Guide in the meeting.

**Laura Goranson:** Laura gave updates on the school education and coordination in Kim Haas' absence. Crossing guards are out on Walnut Street again to combat heavy traffic. In January, Walnut Street will come down and traffic will reduce.

Both Laura and Versant have received additional requests for Get Around Guides. The Milwaukee Bucks mailed Get Around Guides with season ticket distribution. She will continue to work closely with businesses to help direct people around the construction.

In addition to the BID 21 Transit Fairs she is working with Northwestern Mutual on an information fair, which will include the model, in mid-October. Laura also shared future closures, diversions and ongoing outreach.

**Adriana Ramirez:** Abrazo outreach to south side grocery stores, fiestas, churches and schools continues. They are following up on the use of the UCC as an alternative parking option. Abrazo is in the process of following up on the door-to-door drop on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> street that informed residents and business owners along this route to changes to parking and traffic.

Upcoming events include the UWM Latino Culture Fest, Milwaukee Public Market grand opening, Latin Palooza, 6<sup>th</sup> District Milwaukee Police Safety Meetings, UMOS Mexican Independence Parade and Festival and the Hispanic Heritage Parade.

**Nancy Woltzen:** Versant passed around Get around Guides that were distributed in Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and multi-cultural newspapers starting October 2. Radio and print advertising is running in conjunction with the Get Around Guide drop.

Versant is nearly complete with mailing additional Get Around Guides to local and out of market businesses. Versant also successfully moved the MIP Model to Marquette University as part of their new responsibilities.

**Carl Madsen:** Milwaukee BID #21 indicated the Transit Fairs held in September were both successful. More Transit Fairs are scheduled for November. Over 80,000 materials have been distributed in 2005.

BID #21 completed a door-to-door distribution of Get Around Guides and "How to Utilize PSAs" brochures in an effort to increase interest in hosting Transit Fairs.

BID #21 will have materials distributed at a number of upcoming downtown events, including the grand opening of the Milwaukee Public Market and Holiday Lights.

**Kitty Reed:** Tom Collins, Assistant Resident Engineer from Collins Engineering, toured the M-Trans class on the North Leg of the Marquette project on October 6, 2005. Ten participants and two instructors were in attendance. Tracy Gilliam, Marquette Interchange Project Engineer, toured students from the Academy of Science on October 12, 2005.

To date: North Leg DBE payments – 25.8%; West Leg DBE payments 17.9%. Two major tasks at the end of this project will increase these percentages. The painting portion is to be done in the spring. DBE payment goals should be met. The South Leg was let on August 23 and has a 20% goal. The contractor obtained a good faith waiver that realized a 16.67% DBE participation goal. The Core project was let on August 23 also listed a 20% DBE participation goal. The contractor received a good faith waiver of 15.29% DBE participation.

The DBE 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Secretary's Award Meeting and DBE Workshop Luncheon will be held on October 14, 2005. Walsh will receive an award for their participation.

The Storm Water Diversion project will be let on December 13, 2005 with a 30% DBE goal. The N. 11<sup>th</sup> street project will be let on April 11, 2006; no DBE goal has been set. The N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street project will be let on July 11, 2006; no DBE goal has been set.

**Timothy Staats:** USDOL has a total of 14 contracts they are monitoring totaling 506 million dollars. This includes the West Leg, North Leg and the Core. The South Leg began closures in October.

The USDOL labor goal for minorities is 8% and 6.9% for women. To date the labor participation for minorities equates to 23% and 3% for women.

In January, Marquette Constructors estimated their need for construction workers would peak with 275 in the workforce.

**Joanne Nicholas:** The most recent Trans class included 10 students and will complete November 1, 2005. CBO contracts will be renewed shortly. The next class will begin January 30, 2006 and will be a part-time evening class. This class will run through March 23, 2006.

A Center of Excellence graduation is in planning stages. This event will be held December 6, 2005 at the Hilton; invitations will be distributed.

**Please note: Meeting date and location change.**

Our meeting location will be changed from the **Amtrak Station to the WisDOT Traffic Operations Center** in downtown Milwaukee to **11/17**. Due to scheduling conflicts this meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on December 8, again at the Traffic Operations Center (TOC) from 10-noon. During this meeting we will be taken on a tour of the inner workings of the Traffic Operations Center, its camera operations and traffic monitoring.

Parking directions will be provided with the next agenda. Also, when you arrive at the TOC office, be sure to request a "complementary parking ticket" from the receptionist.